

August 14, 2006
Seven o'clock P.M.
North Little Rock City Hall Council Chambers
300 Main Street
North Little Rock, Arkansas

The regular meeting of the North Little Rock City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the honorable Mayor PATRICK HENRY HAYS. The roll having been called, and the following Aldermen answered to their names: MARTIN GIPSON, NEIL BRYANT, LINDA ROBINSON, OLEN THOMAS, GARY BERRY, JOHN PARKER, CHARLIE HIGHT and MURRY WITCHER, a quorum was declared (8/0). City Clerk Diane Whitbey and City Attorney Paul Suskie were also present.

The invocation was given by Mayor Hays, followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag which was also led by Mayor Hays.

On the motion of Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderman Berry and by consent of all members present, the minutes of a regular council meeting held on Monday, July 24, 2006, were approved, accepted and filed as prepared by the City Clerk (8/0).

On the blanket motion of Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderwoman Robinson, and by consent of all members present, communications # 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 were accepted and filed (8/0).

1. US Senator Mark Pryor letter to Mayor Hays re: Transportation of Coal and the Rail Industry.
2. Letters to Mayor Hays, City Council and/or Diane Whitbey, City Clerk re: Gate/Barricade on West Scenic Drive from: Joe Lee Buford, M.D., 407 West Scenic Drive, Todd and Carol Crow, 506 West Scenic Drive, Karen L. Fletcher, 4 Floral Lane, W. C. And Ellen J. Ruffiner, 504 West Scenic Drive, Greta Moore, 24 Farvu Court, Julie Snyder, (address not included), Geraldine M. Rambo, 321 West Scenic Drive, Kay and Ernie Alonzo, 417 West Scenic Drive, Mark McAnally, 26 Farvu Court and Alan N. Robinson, 526 West Scenic Drive.
3. Joe Lee Buford, M.D. letter to Mayor Hays re: opposition to rezoning Penney Subdivision which would allow apartments and multifamily housing.
4. Jim Harvey, CEO Central Arkansas Water memorandum to Mayor Hays and City Council members re: Update on Water Consumption and Supply.
5. Bob Rhoads, CPRP, Parks and Recreation Director letter to Mayor Hays and City Council members re: Arkansas Outdoor Grants Division funding for improvements at Pugh Park (Old Mill) \$85,033.00.
6. Mark McAnally, Scenic Hill Neighborhood Petition for gate and closed street (128 signatures).
7. Sharon Tedford, Mayor's Office memorandum re: application for new restaurant mixed drink permit for Montana Steakhouse, 4120 East McCain Boulevard, Suite 118 by Steve K. Im; and, application for change of manager, retail beer on premises permit and Sunday beverage for Pizza Hut, 3701 Warden Road by Lisa M. Dunlap.
8. Sharon Tedford, Mayor's Office memorandum re: application for restaurant mixed drink and Sunday beverage - change of manager for Tia's, 4305 Warden Road by Patrick M. McCleary.

On the motion of Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderman Hight, and by consent of all members present, communication #9 was read by title only, accepted and filed (8/0).

9. Bob Rhoads, CPRP, Parks and Recreation Director, letter dated 8-14-06 to Mayor Hays re: reallocating funds for overage construction and renovations at North Heights Recreation Center and Catfish Road (\$122,455.00).

Mr. Rhoads advised the costs were more than originally estimated, therefore, a reallocation was necessary to cover overage.

Mayor Hays invited Mrs. Marilyn Riley to come forward. Mrs. Riley introduced members of a delegation of youth and adults who recently returned from a trip to North Little Rock's Sister City, Uiwang City, South Korea. The trip was a wonderful experience. Several youth shared their experiences, including renewed patriotism, cultural and language differences and new friendships. The trip was July 24 through August 3, 2006. Mrs. Margaret Powell, Director of Community Relations introduced the youth and their parents who were present and said she looks forward to the delegation from Uiwang City visiting North Little Rock in 2007.

Mayor Hays invited Mr. David Sink to come forward. Mr. Barry McDaniel, Our House and Estella Morris, Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System who were co-chairs of the Planning Team provided a presentation. Mr. McDaniel reviewed a Ten-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness (copy of plan provided this date). The goal is to eliminate chronic homelessness in central Arkansas by 2016. Numbers of homeless persons vary in central Arkansas. Challenges include providing temporary and permanent solutions. Community leaders can take action by working with governmental leaders, create a Homeless Advisory Board to oversee execution of the plan, increase community awareness, support the work of the advocacy groups and work more closely with state agencies to address chronic homelessness. The first phase would be 2006 - 2008 and include hiring a Homeless Services Coordinator. Different strategies include creating and implementing a plan, establishing and operating a Day Resource Center, housing, outreach teams, and more. The second phase, 2008 - 2010, would include creating a homeless trust to receive and distribute funding, expand services at the Day Center, affordable housing, and workforce training. Phase three would be from 2010 - 2012 and would include constructing a permanent Day Resource Center using Bond or Tax Financing of Local Government and increasing affordable housing. The project total was estimated to be \$1,162,400.00. Alderwoman Robinson is a member of the Steering Committee.

Mayor Hays announced the special call scheduled for 7:05 p.m., Monday, August 14, 2006.

August 11, 2006

Honorable Members of the City Council

Re: Special Council Meeting

Dear Members of the City Council:

This is to advise that we have called a special Council meeting of the North Little Rock City Council for 7:05 p.m., on August 14, 2006, at City Hall, Council Chambers, North Little Rock, Arkansas. The following will be on the agenda:

- 1) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MASTER STREET PLAN ORDINANCE NO. 7178 EXTENDING CRYSTAL HILL ROAD AS A COLLECTOR STREET FROM MAUMELLE BOULEVARD TO A PROPOSED COLLECTOR STREET.

Sponsored by: Mayor Patrick Henry Hays

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Patrick H. Hays
MAYOR PATRICK H. HAYS

The law requires that you be notified of the time, place and subject matter of any specially called Council meeting. This notice does not require any special written formalities or waivers on your behalf, unless you are notified within a 24-hour period prior to the special meeting.

It is requested that each of you sign the cover letter simply to indicate that you have been informed of the nature and time of the meeting. However, please be aware that your signature is not required unless a period of less than 24 hours remains before the designated time for the meeting and you have not previously received notice.

This will evidence that I have received this notice of a special Council meeting for 7:05 p.m., Monday, August 14, 2006, at City Hall, Council Chambers, North Little Rock, and waive time of notice.

/s/ Martin Gipson
MARTIN GIPSON
/s/ Neil Bryant
NEIL BRYANT
/s/ Olen Thomas
OLEN THOMAS
/s/ Linda Robinson
LINDA ROBINSON

/s/ Gary Berry
GARY BERRY
/s/ John Parker
JOHN PARKER
/s/ Murry Witcher
MURRY WITCHER
/s/ Charlie Hight
CHARLIE HIGHT

SPECIAL CALL #1 (ORDINANCE NO. 7846 - MAYOR HAYS)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MASTER STREET PLAN ORDINANCE NO. 7178 EXTENDING CRYSTAL HILL ROAD AS A COLLECTOR STREET FROM MAUMELLE BOULEVARD TO A PROPOSED COLLECTOR STREET; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Gipson, and by consent of all members present, the rules were suspended and the ordinance was placed on its second reading (8/0). On the motion of Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderwoman Robinson, and by consent of all members present, the rules were again suspended and the ordinance was placed on its third and final reading (8/0). The roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was unanimously adopted (8/0). Emergency clause unanimously adopted (8/0).

Without objection, Mayor Hays called *R-06-105*

R-06-105 (RESOLUTION NO. 6981 - MAYOR HAYS)

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ARKANSAS HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT TO APPROVE AN ADDITIONAL MEDIAN OPENING ON MAUMELLE BOULEVARD (STATE HIGHWAY 100); AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderwoman Robinson, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0).

Mayor Hays invited Mr. Joe Gertsch, North Little Rock Electric Department Director to come forward. Mr. Gertsch introduced Mr. Mac Bryson who provided a presentation on a proposed Low Income Residential Assistance Program. Mr. Bryson provided options which include customer contributions. The first would allow customers to add an additional \$1, \$5, or \$10, or more to their monthly electric bill to go into a special fund. The other option would allow customers to round up their bill to the next whole dollar amount (example: \$66.97 to \$67.00 = +.03 or \$66.03 to \$67.00 = +.97). Customers would have the option to opt out of the program at any time and (if they had made contributions) receive a refund within a calendar year. This would add an estimated \$6 per year to a customer bill. Increasing penalties by two percent is also an option. The first two proposals could add up to \$180,000.00 per year. A nonprofit (Central Arkansas Development Council - CADC) would oversee the program at a cost of between 10% and 15%. Funds would only be used to assist North Little Rock Electric Customers. Alderwoman Robinson is familiar with the program and said the location should be convenient for customers who need assistance. Mayor Hays said the city is considering providing office space. City funding would not reduce funds provided from other sources. Mayor Hays said he will introduce legislation at the next council meeting regarding a proposal, (which would not include a provider at this time). Alderman Hight asked for clarification on the round up program which would include all customers, low income and otherwise. The customer would have to complete a form or call to advise they did not want to participate in the program or opt out. Alderman Gipson said a location in the City Services Building should be considered and Mayor Hays agreed. Alderwoman Robinson said if the city provides office space, the administration fee should be negotiated.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

O-06-57

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A BARRIER TO BE INSTALLED ON WEST SCENIC DRIVE, APPROXIMATELY 180 FEET WEST OF PARKVIEW DRIVE; NOTING CHANGE ON MASTER STREET PLAN; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read one time on May 22, 2006, and a public hearing was held on that date, was read a second time June 12, 2006, was read a third and final time this date. A motion to adopt was made by Alderman Parker and seconded by Alderman Berry. Alderman Parker lives on Scenic Hill and said traffic has increased due to several reasons. Trash and litter have increased in the area and accumulated over the years, creating a never-ending problem. People who live on West Scenic are not causing the litter. On the previous motion, and the roll having been called, the following members having voted in the affirmative: Robinson, Berry and Parker; and, the following members having voted no: Gipson, Bryant, Thomas, Hight and Witcher, the motion to adopt failed (3/5). Mayor Hays said he is aware of the problems facing the residents of Scenic Hill and said the city will work towards finding a solution. Mayor Hays said Traffic Control Director Tim Marvin would review proposed legislation pertaining to stop signs, etc. and

asked council members to hold legislation regarding the same until the next meeting (August 28, 2006).

Mayor Hays recessed the meeting at 8:29 p.m. The meeting was reconvened at 8:35 p.m.

Without objection, *R-06-109* was called at the request of Alderman Thomas

R-06-109 (RESOLUTION NO. 6982 - ALDERMAN THOMAS)

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING DERICK DAILEY AND ERIC DAILEY ON BEING SELECTED TO ATTEND BOYS NATION IN WASHINGTON, D. C. ON JULY 21 - 29, 2006; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read in its entirety. Derick and Eric were introduced to the council. Alderman Thomas and Alderwoman Robinson commended the youth on their accomplishments and recognition. Alderman Thomas said everyone is proud of them. Alderwoman Robinson said Derick and Eric live in the Glenview Community and everyone there is very proud of them, too. Ms. Whitbey advised Derick and Eric are nephews of Assistant City Clerk Linda Marshall. Mayor Hays asked if they had their photo made with the President while they were in Washington, D.C. and reminded them of another Arkansan who had his photo made with President John F. Kennedy and went on to become the President of the United States. Mayor Hays said perhaps one day one or both of them would, too. On the motion of Alderman Thomas and seconded by Alderwoman Robinson, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0). Ms. Whitbey will provide Derick and Eric with certified copies of the resolution.

Mr. Suskie introduced Ms. Tjuana Byrd who is a new Assistant City Attorney. Ms. Bryd has worked as a private attorney in North Little Rock and served in the capacity of city attorney in the past.

O-06-66

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 7735 WHICH ALLOWED A SPECIAL USE FOR A CELL TOWER AT CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT INDIAN HILLS SCHOOL ON INDIAN HILLS DRIVE IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read two times on July 10, 2006, was called and withdrawn by sponsor, Mayor Hays who advised Cingular had improved the site.

O-06-67

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 7736 WHICH ALLOWED A SPECIAL USE FOR A CELL TOWER AT CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT RIDGE ROAD CHARTER MIDDLE SCHOOL IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read two times on July 10, 2006, was called and withdrawn by sponsor, Mayor Hays as Cingular was working on this site as well. A resident of the area said some of the plants had died and wanted to make sure the plants would be maintained. Ms. Melissa Singleton, representing Charles Singleton, who is the attorney representing Cingular advised they will continue to monitor the situation and work with the city.

O-06-68 (ORDINANCE NO. 7847 - MAYOR HAYS)

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ELECTRONIC RECORD KEEPING SYSTEM FOR CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING THE DISTRIBUTION OF EPHEDRINE, PSEUDOEPHEDRINE AND PHENYLPROPANOLAMINE AS AUTHORIZED BY THE ARKANSAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY PURSUANT TO ACT 256 OF 2005 AND NORTH LITTLE ROCK ORDINANCE NO. 7801; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read two times on July 24, 2006, was read a third and final time. A motion to adopt was made by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Bryant. The roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was unanimously adopted (8/0). On the motion of Alderman Gipson and seconded by Alderwoman Robinson, and by consent of all members present, the emergency clause (*Section 4*) was amended as follows:: ~~delete from and after its passage and approval and insert~~ OCTOBER 1, 2006 (8/0). On the motion of Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderwoman Robinson, the ordinance was unanimously adopted as amended (8/0).

O-06-72 (ORDINANCE NO. 7848 - ALDERMAN THOMAS)

AN ORDINANCE TO RECLASSIFY CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4232 BAUCOM PIKE IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS FROM R-3 TO C-4 CLASSIFICATION BY AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 7697 OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; AND GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE TO ALLOW OUTSIDE STORAGE FOR A CONTRACTOR'S YARD IN A C-4 ZONE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4232 BAUCUM PIKE IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read one time July 24, 2006, and amended, was read a second time as amended. Alderman Thomas advised a substituted copy was provided this date. On the motion of Alderman Thomas and seconded by Alderman Gipson, and by consent of all members present, the ordinance was again amended as follows:: *substitute copy provided this date (see title also)* (8/0). Alderman Gipson said more consideration needs to go into development of the gateways to North Little Rock and that no improvements were planned for this location. Alderwoman Robinson advised she was not in favor of this, however, the neighbors are now in favor of the proposed ordinance. On the motion of Alderman Thomas and seconded by Alderman Hight, and by consent of all members present, with the exception of Alderman Gipson, who voted no, the rules were suspended and the ordinance was placed on its third and final reading as amended (7/1). The roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, with the exception of Alderman Gipson, who voted no, the ordinance was adopted as amended (7/1). Emergency clause unanimously adopted (8/0). (Applicant: Norman Clifton). Mayor Hays agreed with Alderman Gipson's comments. Alderman Thomas said sewer service needs to be provided in the area.

NEW BUSINESS

R-06-106 (RESOLUTION NO. 6983 - MAYOR HAYS)

A RESOLUTION REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 6900 WHICH DECLARED 5216 S. WOODLAND A NUISANCE AND DECLARED 5216 S. WOODLAND A NUISANCE AND CONDEMNED IT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Alderwoman

Robinson and seconded by Alderman Hight, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0). (Owner: Marion Humphrey)

R-06-107 (RESOLUTION NO. 6984 - MAYOR HAYS)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTICIPATION BY THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK UNDER THE 2007 ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND TOURISM'S OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT PROGRAM FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE T. R. PUGH MEMORIAL PARK/OLD MILL (\$85,033.00); AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Alderman Gipson and seconded by Alderman Hight, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0).

R-06-108 (RESOLUTION NO. 6985 - MAYOR HAYS)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND RATIFYING AN ADDENDUM SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, PULASKI COUNTY REGIONAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, WASTE MANAGEMENT OF ARKANSAS, INC., PULASKI COUNTY AND THE CITIES SHERWOOD, JACKSONVILLE, AND MAUMELLE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Alderman Gipson and seconded by Alderwoman Robinson, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0). Mayor Hays explained this was an addendum to a previous agreement and would allow disposal based on compacted material rather than truck load.

R-06-110

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE INSTALLATION OF FOUR-WAY STOP SIGNS AND MARKED CROSSWALKS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was called and held at the request of Mayor Hays, by the sponsor Alderman Gipson. Alderman Gipson expressed concern for children walking to and from Ridge Road School since the start of the school year is next week.

R-06-111

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE INSTALLATION OF FOUR-WAY STOP SIGNS AT LOCATIONS ON MAPLE STREET; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was called and also held at the request of Mayor Hays by the sponsor Alderman Gipson. Alderman Gipson reiterated his previous concerns.

R-06-112

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS IN THE WEST SCENIC DRIVE AREA; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was called and held at the request of Mayor Hays by the sponsor Alderman Berry.

O-06-73 (ORDINANCE NO. 7849 - MAYOR HAYS)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH PULASKI COUNTY AND THE CITIES OF LITTLE ROCK, SHERWOOD, JACKSONVILLE, MAUMELLE, CAMMACK VILLAGE, WRIGHTSVILLE AND ALEXANDER TO DISTRIBUTE ALL PROCEEDS FROM A PROPOSED ONE-QUARTER PERCENT (1/4%) SALES AND USE TAX TO FUND THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, EQUIPPING, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION

OF THE DETENTION FACILITIES IN PULASKI COUNTY; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,

was read. On the motion of Alderman Gipson and seconded by Alderwoman Robinson, and by consent of all members present, the rules were suspended and the ordinance was placed on its second reading (8/0). The ordinance was read a second time. Alderman Thomas asked if these funds would be used for salaries and/or raises. Mayor Hays said salaries for jail employees and raises as part of the operation of the jail. Alderwoman Robinson asked if funds could be used for capital improvements at the courthouse. Alderman Gipson referred to Section 4 of the Interlocal Agreement which specified *...sales and use tax will be allocated to the Jail and will not be used for any other purpose by the county.* Mayor Hays asked Police Chief Danny Bradley to come forward. Chief Bradley has visited with citizen groups regarding the jail issue. Officers need to be able to pick up persons who violate the law and have a place to take them where they will be incarcerated, and not just given a ticket and released. Many suspects are being picked up again for committing the same crime over and over (such as burglary) because they know they won't go to jail. North Little Rock District Court Judge's are seeing record numbers of people failing to appear for court dates, again because there is no penalty for not showing up, since the jail is full and closed to anyone except those committing the most violent/serious crimes. If something doesn't happen, the problem is going to get worse. Right now, if someone breaks into a car or house, there isn't much that can be done since the person will be released from custody almost immediately, even if the suspect is a repeat offender. Mayor Hays said North Little Rock has a large number of law enforcement officers based on population, however, due to budget concerns, all vacant positions may not be filled. Mayor Hays said public safety is a high priority and for every \$100.00 spent, the one-quarter cent tax would total \$.25. Chief Bradley said the city supplies officers at the booking location (5 full-time and 2 part-time) and transports prisoners to the jail when space is available, both of which reduces the number of officers patrolling the streets of North Little Rock. The tax is expected to generate approximately \$18,000,000.00. Mayor Hays recognized Mr. Scott Miller who was present and worked on the Task Force. On the motion of Alderman Hight and seconded by Alderman Bryant, and by consent of all members present, the rules were again suspended and the ordinance was placed on its third and final reading (8/0). The roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was unanimously adopted (8/0). Emergency clause unanimously adopted (8/0). Mayor Hays encouraged everyone to vote for the 1/4 cent increase September 12, 2006.

O-06-74 (ORDINANCE NO. 7850 - ALDERMAN THOMAS)

AN ORDINANCE VACATING AND ABANDONING AN ALLEY RUNNING EAST/WEST ON A BLOCK BOUNDED BY ORANGE STREET, WEST 7TH STREET, MAPLE STREET AND WEST 8TH STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,

was read. On the motion of Alderman Thomas and seconded by Alderwoman Robinson, and by consent of all members present, the rules were suspended and the ordinance was placed on its second reading (8/0). Alderman Thomas made a motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its third and final reading. Alderwoman Robinson said a business was granted a Special Use and told to use this alleyway as access to their business and asked the effect of this legislation on them. Mr. Robert Voyles, Planning Director advised the owner wants to fence the alley. Mr. Miller said neighbors aren't concerned with closing the alley, but with access due to traffic on 7th Street during rush hour traffic and future property transfers. Mr. Suskie said ownership of the alley would be split.

Mayor Hays said he would review the site and exercise the right to veto the legislation if needed. The legislation was read a second time. On the motion of Alderman Thomas and seconded by Alderwoman Robinson, and by consent of all members present, the rules were again suspended and the ordinance was placed on its third reading (8/0). The ordinance was read a third and final time. Alderman Gipson said the city has a vested interest in the alley. On the motion of Alderman Thomas and seconded by Alderwoman Robinson, and the roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, with the exception of Aldermen Bryant and Hight, the ordinance was adopted (6/2). On the emergency clause, the following members voted yes: Robinson, Thomas and Berry, and the following members having voted no: Gipson, Bryant Parker, Hight and Witcher, the emergency clause failed (3/5). (*Ordinance effective in 60 days*).
Note: Mayor Hays vetoed this item August 17, 2006 at 10:33 p.m.

O-06-75 (ORDINANCE NO. 7851 - ALDERWOMAN ROBINSON AND ALDERMAN THOMAS)

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SIGN FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 850 ATKINSON STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Alderwoman Robinson, and seconded by Alderman Thomas, and by consent of all members present, the rules were suspended and the ordinance was placed on its second reading (8/0). On the motion of Alderwoman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Thomas, and by consent of all members present, the rules were again suspended and the ordinance was placed on its third and final reading (8/0). The ordinance was read a third and final time. Alderman Hight questioned procedure. Alderwoman Robinson said the Sign Board did not review this application as they had met before it was submitted and will not meet again until next month. A variance for a larger sign was requested so the lettering can be seen. The church desires to put up their sign as soon as possible. On the motion of Alderman Gipson and seconded by Alderman Bryant, and the roll having been called, and all members present, with the exception of Alderman Hight who voted no, the ordinance was adopted (7/1). On the emergency clause all members present voted in the affirmative, with the exception of Alderman Hight who voted no, emergency clause adopted (7/1). (Applicant: Pastor Victor Moore, Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church)

O-06-76 (ORDINANCE NO. 7852 - ALDERMAN PARKER)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 7795 ALLOWING AN OFF-PREMISE SIGN FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED ON LOT 1, INNERPLAN OFFICE PARK, IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderman Parker, and by consent of all members present, the rules were suspended and the ordinance was placed on its second reading (8/0). On the motion of Alderman Parker and seconded by Alderman Berry, and by consent of all members present, the rules were again suspended and the ordinance was placed on its third and final reading (8/0). The ordinance was read a third and final time. Alderman Witcher said this was an anomalies in that the planned use of the property effects the size/type of sign allowed. The applicant advised they will have an open house in October and would like to have the sign installed before then. On the motion of Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderman Berry, and by the roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was

unanimously adopted (8/0). Emergency clause unanimously adopted (8/0). (Applicant: Jim Narup)

PUBLIC COMMENTS-----

Alderman Hight asked about a large mound of dirt in the construction area of Ridge Road and McCain. Mr. Joe Smith, Director of Commerce and Governmental Affairs advised the owner lost his financing thereby putting the project on hold. The city could condemn the property. Mayor Hays asked Mr. Smith to take care of the overgrown grass. Alderman Hight said Saturday, September 30, 2006, will be the "Big Dam Bridge" opening and invited everyone to come ride their bicycles. Mayor Hays said he and Little Rock Mayor Jim Dailey will take part in the "Big Dam Bridge 100" which will be a 100 mile ride as part of the celebration. Alderman Hight said there is a website with more information at www.bigdambridge100.com. Alderman Berry reiterated his concerns regarding traffic in the Scenic Hill neighborhood and request for stop signs. Alderman Parker spoke again regarding the Scenic Hill area and said he appreciated his supporters. Alderman Gipson said the Gardner Memorial Fish Fry is Saturday. Alderman Gipson asked about a car left parked on the street for an extended period of time. Mr. Suskie said after 72 hours the vehicle can be ticketed. Alderman Berry said a dump truck in a residential neighborhood crossed a rolled curb and broke the sidewalk. Mr. Mark McAnally spoke regarding an article in the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette pertaining to the proposed barricade on Scenic Hill and the Mayor's right to veto. Alderman Gipson excused himself from the meeting. Mr. McAnally said the Scenic Hill neighborhood is made up of people of all ages, races, etc. He estimated approximately 800 apartments in the area. Problems in the area include increased traffic, speeding, excessive noise, and crime. He attributed problems to people who live in apartments in the area. Mr. Bobby Taylor started the Rose City Crime Watch Group 19 years ago. He said he would help people who try to help themselves. Mr. Taylor distributed photographs of a fence between his property and a neighbor, including photos illustrating damage from recent rains and was told to sue his neighbor, which he has. More water damage has occurred and the fence blew against his home, breaking a window. Mr. Taylor said he appreciates the North Little Rock Police Department and commended several officers. He said Code Officer John Noland is doing a good job. Mr. James Ard thanked the Mayor for addressing a parking issue at City Hall. Mr. Ard suggested using city volunteers to collect and/or distribute funds collected to assist low-income North Little Rock Electric Customers. Mr. Ard said the restrooms at the Police and Courts Building are not clean, he was there recently and the soap dispenser was empty, there was no toilet tissue and trash on the floor.

There being no further business to come before the Council, and on the motion of Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderwoman Robinson, and by consent of all members present, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m. (7/0), until the next regular meeting to be held on Monday, August 28, 2006, at seven o'clock p.m. in the City Council Chambers in City Hall, located at 300 Main Street, North Little Rock, Arkansas.

APPROVED: MAYOR PATRICK HENRY HAYS
ATTEST: DIANE WHITBEY, CITY CLERK